Camp Middle Brook Feby 28th 1779.

Dear Sir,

I have ſeveral times determined not to write you till I had been honor'd with ſome return for the ſeveral lengthy Epiſtles wrote you lately: but I find it impoſsible to stick closely to the resolution, there is a ſort of feeling which gratitude gives rise to, that won't admit me to abide long by ~~the~~ it, tho' I think ſomething ſtrange that ſo many Posts ſhou'd have arriv'd, and not the ~~ſcratch~~ scrape of a pen — not the least acknowledgement of my Letters! ſtrange! I ſhall wait one post more, and if I receive no Letters ſhall probably in my pettiſh humor, kick, pens, Ink, paper, & all to the D—l

I wrote you about ſome Cloth for a ſuit of Cloaths — perhaps you may have got them forward as I wish'd to Mr Smith at ſpringfield — my Brown, I tell you looks like the duce, and must be tost out of good Company very ſoon — I ſhall be obliged to go in a ſhort Jacket I fear to head-Quarter ſhortly — Well no matter — poor Continental Officer.

Congreſs have authentic accounts, that ſpain have acknowledged us independant; the Empreſs of Ruſsia has poſitively refus'd to aid Britain with either Men or Money; the King of the two Sicilies has open'd her ports to the American Veſsells, and ſent to our Minister at the Court of France for a discription of our Colours that he may pay a proper respect to them. Holland has also remonstrated against ſending more men to America and has freely open'd her ports to us — Great news upon my verasity — Now Monsieur British walk of with your ſelves, you make a ſuperb hand of these Rebel Colonies

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This intelligence has rais'd the value of Contee" consi=derably — hard Cash in philad^{a} goes at 6 for one — Rum has fell 3 or 4 Doll^{s} p^{r} Gall^{n} & others matters must fall fast.

I hope to hear from you Shortly and as I wrote Madam a huge quantity on nonsense, hope she will give me a little Scrap of her good Sense in return — Remember me kindly to her and Polly as to all my Friends.

and believe me to be
with Truth & Sincerity
your Friend
Wm Blodget

3 Inch Reef tackle 6 f
2¾ Do for 4 Tackle falls
2½ Inch — 2 Coils —
1 Coil Lanyard — 3½

Mr John Cushing

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